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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT MAILED 7/16/02

1. The Applicant requests a two month Extension of Time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The \$200.00 fee is attached.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 4/24/02

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

1. 2. Old Specifications and Claims 1-20 have been cancelled, and substitute New Specifications and Claims 21-40 have been submitted. No new matter has been added.
2. Applicant was not aware that 37 CFR 1.121 required an explanation of changes requested by Examiner.
3. Claims 8,12 and 15 have been cancelled and new Claims 28, 32 and 35 have have been submitted in response to 112 rejection.

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4. In Claim 28(a) corresponds to Fig. 2a, Claim 28(b) corresponds to Fig. 2b, Claim 28(c) corresponds to Fig. 2(c), and Claim 28(d) corresponds to Fig. 2(d) .
5. Short mounting plates in Claim 32 corresponds to 16 in Fig. 5, and Long mounting plates corresponds to 17 in Fig. 5.
6. In Claim 35(a) corresponds to Fig. 6a, Claim 35(b) corresponds to Fig. 6b, and Claim 35(c) corresponds to Fig. 6(c).
7. Claim 35(e-i) are rewritten and renumbered as Claim 35(d-g) to correspond to Figs. 6(d-g) respectively:

- d. Said at least one mounting plate is fixed on said upper or lower body retention means whereby said upper member and said lower member are extended approximately perpendicular to said body member,
- e. Said at least one mounting plate is fixed on the outside surface of said upper member folded flush against said body member,
- f. Said at least one mounting plate is fixed on the outside surface of said lower member folded flush against said body member,
- g. Said at least one mounting plate is fixed on the outside surface of said upper member folded flush against said body member and on the outside surface of said lower member folded flush against said body member,

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Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

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8. The words "A dental articulator" in Claims 1-20 has been changed in new Claims 21-40 to "A one-piece dental articulator" to distinguish from Westdyk who teaches an overly complicated articulator of **multiple parts** (at least 8 parts) manufactured from multiple molds (at least 8 molds). The articulator comprises numerous parts including a series of connecting members, spigots, socket joints, stalks, hinges, connectors, and interlocking formations.



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9. The present invention is comprised of only one-piece. It is more functional than Westdyk, easier to use, and cheaper to manufacture. It is comprised of only one-piece and is manufactured by using the simple process of stamping from a sheet. Westdyk uses the complicated and more expensive manufacturing process of multiple castings from multiple molds. The present invention has no molds that wear out and have to be replaced, and has no rejected parts that have to be thrown out due to failure in the casting process. Additionally, the present invention requires no assembly.

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